GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1987 SESSION

CHAPTER 553 SENATE BILL 648

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING COSTS FOR APPEAL FOR TRIAL DE NOVO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-228 is amended by inserting a new subsection to read:

"(b1) A person desiring to appeal as a pauper shall, within 10 days of entry of judgment by the magistrate, file an affidavit that he is unable by reason of his poverty to pay the costs of appeal and proves, by one or more witnesses, that he has a meritorious cause of action or defense. Within 20 days after entry of judgment, a superior or district court judge, magistrate, or the clerk of the superior court may authorize a person to appeal to district court as a pauper."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1987.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6th day of July, 1987.